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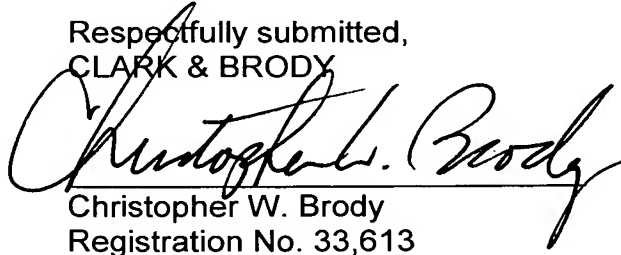
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	1.	5,336,252	08/09/1994	Cohen			
	2.	5,868,770	02/09/1999	Rygaard			
	3.	5,931,810	08/03/1999	Grabek			
	4.	5,972,013	10/26/1999	Schmidt			
	5.	6,162,195	12/19/2000	Igo et al.			
	6.	6,558,382	05/06/2003	Jahns et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	7.	WO 02/35986 A2	05/10/2002	PCT			X		

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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